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Dear Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants list the following references (copies of the listed patents enclosed).

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The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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